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**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003.

In response to the requirement for restriction, applicant elects invention I covered in claims 1-7.

In response to the requirement to elect a single disclosed species, applicant elects species A. Claims 1-10 read on the elected species A.

Further and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0852.

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